



Virginia Green Events



Abingdon Earth Day Celebration Abingdon, VA



Virginia Green is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. **Virginia Green** has established "core activities" specific to each sector of tourism, and these practices are considered the required minimum for participation in the program. However, **Virginia Green** encourages its participants to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations, and this profile provides a full list of all their "green" activities. These are the activities that guests / customers can expect to find when they visit this facility.

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Our mission is to engage the public, government, businesses and industry in a combined effort to make a positive influence on the environment through education, community outreach, promotion of environmental stewardship, and implementation of sustainable practices.

To help further the marketing and educational efforts of the program.

Virginia Green Activities

This facility pledges that they:

Recycle.

- Have in place clearly marked recycling locations and/or containers. Please check the items that visitors to your facility are able to recycle: (*minimum of 2 required*)
- Aluminum cans
- Plastic bottles

Minimize the use of disposable food service products.

- Use disposable food service items that are made from bio-based, renewable materials
- Use disposable food service items that are made with recycled content
- Use disposable food service items that are recyclable in your area

Printed Materials.

- Print brochures and other printed items on recycled content paper
- Print all documents double-sided
- Purchase/use paper products with 30% or higher recycled-content

Waste Reduction.

- Track overall solid waste costs (*required for Virginia Green*)
- Chose a **location/venue** that shares a similar commitment to reducing its environmental impacts and include green specifics in contracting. Please provide the "green details" on the venue:
- Use non-bleached napkins and coffee filters
- Provide condiments, cream and sugar, etc. in bulk
- Avoid box lunches and service trays/platters of food instead
- Purchase recycled-content paper towels and toilet paper
- Encourage the use of mass-transit and/or carpooling to the event
- Provide for recycling of boxes and other set-up wastes
- Reuse or donate shipping and packing supplies (peanuts, bubble wrap, etc.)

Green Signage.

- Have a link on our website to the Virginia Green Events webpage
- Have a green event section on our events webpage highlighting all of our green activities
- Have signs at the event registration which list all of our green activities
- Use the Virginia Green logo on signs and on recycling containers

For more information on **Abingdon Earth Day Celebration** , see www.facebook.com/SustainAbingdon or contact Tenille Montgomery at tmontgomery@abingdon-va.gov or 276-676-2282.

For more information on the Virginia Green program,
see www.deq.state.va.us/Programs/PollutionPrevention/VirginiaGreen.aspx.



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